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ST. JOE ALUMNI TO RETURN JUNE 23-24

NEW HALLS WILL ARISE ON CAMPUS

THREE BUILDINGS TO STAND READY FOR USE IN FALL

Three new buildings, two residence halls and a fieldhouse, will be erected on the St. Joe campus during the summer.

Two reasons were given for the building program. The first, was that the enrollment has been growing by such leaps and bounds that it has been necessary to add new residence facilities ever summer for the past four years. The second, was that St. Joe authorities are seeking a more complete segregation of the three groups on the campus—high school students, collegians, and seminarians.

A three-story hall, for seminarians, is to be located at the southeast corner of the chapel building. Its Romanesque lines will conform with those of the chapel. The building will have facilities for the housing of 85 students.

A two-story hall for college students will stand on the west side of the campus and will conform with the Georgian lines of the recently completed Seifert Hall. It will accommodate 90 students.

The fieldhouse, rather modernistic in design, will be 120 feet wide and 226 feet long. It will probably stand on the north campus just west of the football gridiron. Funds for the fieldhouse are being raised by the Alumni as their part in the Golden Jubilee celebration which is to get under way next fall.

WANTS ALUMNI TO USE AIRWAVES



AN ALUMNI CHAPTER OF THE AIR is suggested by Raymond (Step) Lange, '16-'21, of 224 Jackson Street, Piqua, O. Alumnus Lange is shown seated beside the short wave set through which he has heard the voices of many former St. Joe men, and through which he hopes to hear many more. (Story on page three).

Ohioans Meet At Brunnerdale

CANTON, O.—Alumni of north-eastern Ohio met at Brunnerdale Seminary, Sunday, May 5, for an all-day meeting that was mainly social.

Present were: Louis W. Hinkel, '24-'27, North Canton; William J. Jedacek, '26-'27, Cleveland; Henry A. Koerber, '23-'25, Akron; Richard C. Hummel, '24-'25, Akron; Albert D. Kuntz, '19-'22, Akron; Rev. Michael G. Hnat, '24-'26, Akron; Rev. Leo J. Vogt, C.P.P.S., '11-'18, rector at Brunnerdale; Gilbert Reyman, '21-'25, Akron; John A. Koenig, '98-'04, Cleveland.

Rev. Fred L. Koch, C.P.P.S., '33, Brunnerdale Seminary; Leo Dirrig, '25-'26, Akron; Rudolph M. Husar, '34-'36, Campbell, O.; Theodore Wilk, '34-'37, Cleve-

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Chicagoans Plan Golf Tourney

CHICAGO.—Cook County Chapter will sponsor its second annual St. Joe Alumni Golf Tournament, Tuesday, June 18, at Briergate Country Club.

Briergate is located on Deerfield Road, one-fourth mile east of Waukegan Road, and a mile west of Skokie Boulevard.

The tournament is to start at 2 p. m. A fee of \$3 per person will cover golf, dinner, and prize expenses. If, however, an alumnus does not play golf, or will not be able to get away from the office during the afternoon, he may attend the testimonial dinner at 8 p. m. in the clubhouse. Price for the dinner is \$1.50. The dinner will be in honor of Coach Joe Dienhart and his assistants,

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PROFS PLAN NEW EVENTS FOR PROGRAM

COMMITTEE TO FEATURE GOLF TOURNEY, MOVIE, CONCERT AND BANQUET

More than two hundred former St. Joe students are expected to return to the campus for Alumni Days, Sunday and Monday, June 23 and 24.

Plans are being made by local authorities to show each alumnus the time of his life. Elaborate arrangements are being completed to make this Homecoming the most colorful in the history of the Alumni Association.

Every former student who returns is asked to register at the Alumni Office at the south end of the first floor of the Main Building.

The banquet, usually held at Monday noon, is scheduled for 5:30 p. m. Sunday. This will be followed by movies, many of them in technicolor, showing campus activities. At 8 p. m., the band and choir will stage a spectacular outdoor concert. After the concert, the Alumni will have the traditional smoker.

A Requiem Mass for deceased Alumni will be said at 8 p. m. Monday. A business meeting, during which Association officers are to be elected, will be held at 9:30 a. m. Lunch will be served at 11:30.

Alumni will become boys again Monday afternoon when they play off tournaments in golf, softball, horseshoes, and tennis. Arrangements have been made for Alumni golfers to use Curtis Creek Country Club. A softball tournament

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Don't Miss Fieldhouse Picture On Page Four!

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BISHOP SENDS LETTER

The Most Rev. Karl J. Alter, D. D., bishop of the diocese of Toledo, sent his congratulations to the president of St. Joseph's in connection with the forthcoming Golden Jubilee celebration. Here is a quotation from the letter:

"St. Joseph's College during its half century of existence has accomplished an incalculable amount of good in the interests of Catholic education and for the good of religion. Both clergy and laity who are today in the front ranks of the Church's staunch supporters give evidence of the splendid training which they received under your direction. I hope and pray that your work will continue to expand reaching ever-increasing numbers and that the same high quality of scholarship and devotion which has characterized your institution in the past will continue to be its distinguishing mark."

ROLL OUT THE BARREL might be the theme song of Russell Blackburn, '24-'25, and his fellow workers in the office of the Berghoff Brewing Company, Fort Wayne.

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PICKLES are very important in the life of Gomar (Cop) DeCocker, '30-'34. He is managing a pickle station in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, for the Calhoun County Pickle Company, of Marshal, Michigan.

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A TWO HUNDRED ACRE FARM near Upper Sandusky, Ohio, keeps Lawrence Rall, '20-'24, plenty busy. The treasurer of the Tiffin Chapter has five children.

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BRINGING HOME THE BACON as an accountant of the Armour and Company, Union Stock Yards, Chicago, is the occupation of George Rick, '20-'24.

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EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT of the J. E. Porter Corporation, manufacturers of Spalding, Loudon, and Chicago lines of gymnasium, playground, swimming pool and various other sports equipment, is the position held by William S. Miller, '16-'17, of Ottawa, Ill.

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IN PRE-WAR DAYS there used to be a baseball series each fall between the St. Xavier Hall Community students and the College All-Stars.

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RESIDENT PHYSICIAN in neurology at the Chicago University Clinics is the title of Dr. Charles M. Jessico, '24-'26.

REPORTS ON DRIVE

I am, indeed, happy to report that the organization of plans for the Golden Jubilee Drive are progressing most satisfactorily. They will be submitted in detail during the Alumni Meeting on Alumni Day. The most significant phase of this preparatory work for the Drive is the enthusiasm and the keen interest displayed everywhere by Alumni, old and young, and the individual determination of every Alumnus to do something, no matter how small. This is most heartening because it evidences a vigorous and robust Alumni spirit, as a vital force ensuring the stability and growth of the College. For it is but a platitude to say that private schools find their enduring wealth and resources in the unwavering loyalty and devotion of their Alumni. Nothing can so establish the stability of a private school and so assure the furtherance of its growth as the unfaltering interest of every and each Alumnus. When Alumni interest and support deteriorates so that it no longer inspires the whole but has dwindled to animate only the few, no matter how generous and vigorous the support of these few may be, the school has suffered a tremendous loss.

The keynote of the coming Golden Jubilee must then be that we enlist the interest and support of every individual Alumnus. This thought, so well expressed and so well received by the officers of the Alumni Association and the assembled chapter officers at the April 7 meeting, must be the foundation of the Golden Jubilee Alumni Drive. No matter what funds the Drive nets and no matter what it achieves, if it succeeds in enlisting the support of only the relatively few, the Drive can hardly be called successful. On the other hand, no matter what funds and assistance the Drive brings the College, its success must be measured in proportion to the extent in which all Alumni participate in it. A few large givers and a few intensely interested and enthusiastic Alumni cannot accomplish what the steady, unfaltering power of universal Alumni interest and support can achieve. Even more valuable than the money gift, no matter how great and how frequent, is the steady and devoted interest in the College from which the gift springs. To the extent that the Golden Jubilee Drive fosters and successfully nurtures this interest, to that extent will it achieve its objectives.

ALOYS DIRKSEN, C.P.P.S.,
President of St. Joseph's College.

MANTEY VINEYARDS, in Venice, O., are owned and operated by Sylvester E. Mantey, '16-'18, winemaker. He makes native Ohio wines and a Delaware altar wine which is to receive Episcopal approbation during the summer.

TURN BACK THE CLOCK

REAL BARBER SHOP HARMONY was being dished out on the campus in '30-'31 by a quartet made up of John Byrne, Jim Conroy, Fred Cardinali and Don DeMars. Three of the songsters have been ordained. The fourth, DeMars, is bass viol man in a dance band directed by Paul Brown, brother of comedian Joe E. Brown. Father Cardinali is at St. Anthony, Gary; Father Conroy is stationed at St. Vincent's, Elkhart, and Father Byrne is now at St. Mark's, Cincinnati.

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INITIALS CARVED IN THE GRANDSTAND are proofs that men desire to have their names recalled by future generations. That desire prompts the erecting of statues, monuments, and bronze tablets. The field-house will keep green the memory of the present Alumni Association for years to come.

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MEMORIES are carved from top to bottom in the grandstand. Former students did so much whittling in the old structure that there isn't much more left than a bushel full of initials strung together with splinters. Names carved in the wood that weathered many winds on wintry nights and storms on sultry summer afternoons are as follows: Lawrence Erbach, '13-'15; L. A. Westhoven, '11-'13; Con Fecher, '11-'14; Pat Moran, '08-'13; F. P. Gross, '11-'12; Gerald Maloney, '10-'15; Leo Dirrig, '13-'25; Joe Hession, '14-'20. Edward Berchtold, of Troy, O., wrote his name with pencil on the grandstand rafters October 8, 1913. It is even more legible than the hundreds of names carved in wood.

VICE-PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER of the Bushman-Kuntz Motor Company is what folks around Akron are calling Albert Kuntz, '19-'22.

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A FURNITURE MANUFACTURER, Robert Romweber, will be remembered by alumni who were here from '22-'25. He is head of the Romweber Industries, Batesville, Ind.

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A NEWSPAPERMAN, Arthur R. Holt-house, '10-'12, is secretary-treasurer of the Decatur Democrat Company and business manager of the Decatur (Ind.) Daily Democrat.

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PRESIDENT of the Cleveland Sanitary Products Company, manufacturers of janitor's supplies, sweeping compound, insecticides, soap, and disinfectants is on the letter heads used by Joseph F. Paulo, '25-'26.



Fr. Byrne

THE ROUNDUP

by



Coach Joe Dienhart

WITH ONE MORE BASEBALL GAME ON THE SCHEDULE here is the way the season stands:

St. Joe won seven and lost four. The Pumas defeated Wabash 11-4; Butler 14-13; Central Normal 7-2; Earlham 6-2; Central Normal 3-0; Xavier 4-3 and 7-6. They lost to Illinois Wesleyan 8-4; Indiana State 5-3 and 3-2, and Butler 8-0.

The season will close with the Illinois Wesleyan game, June 3.

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INTERCOLLEGIATE TENNIS has been resumed at St. Joe after a lapse of many, many moons. The netmen, under the coaching of Father Edward Roof, have defeated Valparaiso University and lost to Earlham so far this season.

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THE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE FOR FALL reads something like this at present:

- Sept. 21—Butler T
- Sept. 28—Valparaiso T
- Oct. 6—Xavier T
- Oct. 12—Univ. of Louisville H
- Oct. 19—Evansville H
- Oct. 26—Central Normal T
- Nov. 2—Open.
- Nov. 10—St. Norbert's T

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between grads from Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois will be played on the main campus. If any Alumni wish to play hard ball, the Community students will provide the competition.

Among innovations in this year's program will be a series of exhibits showing work done by the various departments of the college.

No formal invitations will be issued. This copy of CONTACT has been authorized by the St. Joe faculty to stand as an invitation to every St. Joe man.

Paul Babin, '27-'29, is book-keeper for the Queen City Club, Cincinnati, O.

Step Lange Seeks To Promote Alumni Chapter Of The Air

PIQUA, O.—Somewhere out on an airwave St. Joe Alumni will hold a get-together, if Raymond (Step) Lange, '16-'21, has his way about it.

The Piqua shortwave fan wants to start an alumni chapter of the air. He is anxious to contact all St. Joe men who are licensed amateur operators. He wants to know what frequencies they operate on and what call letters have been assigned to them so that he can make a date to meet at the corner of such-and-such a kilocycle for a gab-fest.

Step, who lives at 224 Jackson Street, said that his station, W8ICQ, operates on 3928 kc and 14,200 kc, also 3800 kc. cw. and 7112 kc. cw.

"I had one of the most interesting evenings of my life summer before last," said Step. "I was listening to different stations when a call W8CVZ came from Fostoria. He was trying to get in communication with W8DK at Mount Clemens, Mich. I had been wanting to establish a schedule with a Fostoria station for some time, so I broke in. The operator acknowledged my call. He mentioned that he had a schedule with the Mount Clemens station, and that former schoolmates intended to have a reunion over the air.

"Well, I joined in to help keep the channel clear. While listening to the conversation I heard such things as 'the old attic dorm,' 'Indian school,' and 'Brother Victor.' When they turned it over to me for a transmission I asked if they knew of a Brother Cobs, Father Wagner, and Brother Fidelis and whether they ever experienced being caught in the apple orchard or thrown in the lake. The schoolmates happened to be Father Majeske and Father Scheiber. Before the evening was over Cy Scharf was located and we had quite a time chewing the rag.

"On other occasions I made arrangements with operators in different parts of the country to have St. Joe men come to their houses so that I could talk with them. In that way I spoke with John Kallal and Carl Beckert, from a station in Oak Park, Ill.; Father Osterhage, at Fostoria, and Kremer Verhoeven, of Monroe, Mich. Fathers Kern, Knapke

MAY RETURN



MAX C. TONER

One of several Californians who hope to attend the Golden Jubilee celebration at the college, next spring, is Max C. Toner, '07-'10. A very interesting letter came from Mr. Toner, of 4727 Townsend Avenue, Los Angeles. The detective wrote, "Thirty years ago when I graduated at St. Joseph's I was a string bean of a kid, with a pitchfork full of light hair. Now I have stopped growing everywhere, except in the middle, and my head has poked a hole through that shock of hair." The alumnus writes a two thousand word column each Saturday for his old hometown paper in Coldwater, Mich.

and Friedrich have talked from my station.

"If any St. Joe men wish to get in touch with alumni around Coldwater, O., they can do so by calling W8MZW, Arnett Hoyng. He is a cousin of Ernest Hoyng, St. Joe alumnus.

"I wish some one at the college would go after a license so that some of us old timers could talk with such friends as Fathers Dirksen, Fehrenbacher, Ehrlinger, and Brother David.

"If any alumnus is an operator or has a friend who is, I wish he would drop me a card telling what frequencies he is on and his call letters. Maybe we'll be able to form an alumni chapter of the air."

HERE and THERE

ATTENTION CLEVELAND AND CINCINNATI ALUMNI. A Chapter will be formed in Cleveland, Wednesday night, June 5. For details see William J. Jedaček, '26-'27, of 3014 Chatham Avenue, Cleveland. The Cincinnati Chapter will meet Wednesday night, June 12. For information call the Rev. Rupert Landoll, C.P.P.S., '07-'13, pastor of St. Mark's.



Fr. Landoll

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CONDOLENCE is extended by the faculty and the Alumni to Professor Henry B. Froning, '99-'02, upon the death of his wife, April 30. Professor Froning is head of Notre Dame's Science Department.

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A VERSE, inspired by Father Dirksen's picture on the editorial page in last month's issue of CONTACT, was received at the Alumni Office. No signature was on the letter. The envelope was post-marked Gary. The sum and substance of it all was that CONTACT was razzed for asking Father Dirksen to have his picture taken while wearing a biretta and civilian clothes. The unknown Shakespeare pointed out that priests only wear a biretta with a cassock. Here is our answer: Father Dirksen was not wearing civilian clothes. He was wearing his doctor's robes. The biretta is no ordinary biretta. It has four points instead of the usual three. So you see, the whole thing was very much as Emily Post would have it.

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THE WEDDING of Lauramae Laibe, of Ottawa, O., to Richard Trame, '34-'37, coach at St. John's, Delphos, has been arranged for June 15.

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MAIL STILL COMES TO COLLEGEVILLE for Leo Schramer, '22-'25, and John Lochotzki, '35-'38. Photo Supply Companies are still trying to interest those two camera fans in new price lists via Brother Vic.

Akron Chapter Elects Leaders

AKRON, O.—Werner Fromm '22-'25, was elected president of the Akron chapter at a meeting, May 21, in St. Paul's auditorium.

Other officers elected were: Vice-president, Theodore Staudt, '35-'39; financial secretary, Rev. Michael G. Hnat, '24-'26; recording secretary, Richard Hummel, '24-'25; executive committee, Albert Kuntz, '19-'22; James Thurin, '34-'39; James Considine, '31-'32; Louis Furst, '36-'37, and Anthony Mancz, '22-'24.

The chapter voted to hold four meetings each year.

OHIOANS MEET AT BRUNNERDALE

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land; U. L. Fox, '05-'07, Lakewood, and his son, Vic, who expects to enroll at St. Joe in the fall; Cornelius Wiemels, '34-'36, Cleveland; Carl J. Harrison, '35-'37, North Canton; James Thurin, '37-'39, Canton; Theodore Staudt, '35-'39, Canton; Andrew Ferencchak, '34-'37, Campbell; Louis Furst, '36-'37, Akron; George Rudy, '35-'37, Youngstown; George Garrity, Jr., '35-'37, Akron;

William Flannigan, '34-'38, Akron; Donald Ransweiler, '37-'38, Akron; Rev. John L. Maurer, '13-'14, Canal Fulton; Anthony Mancz, '22-'24, Akron; Robert Bachmann, Akron.

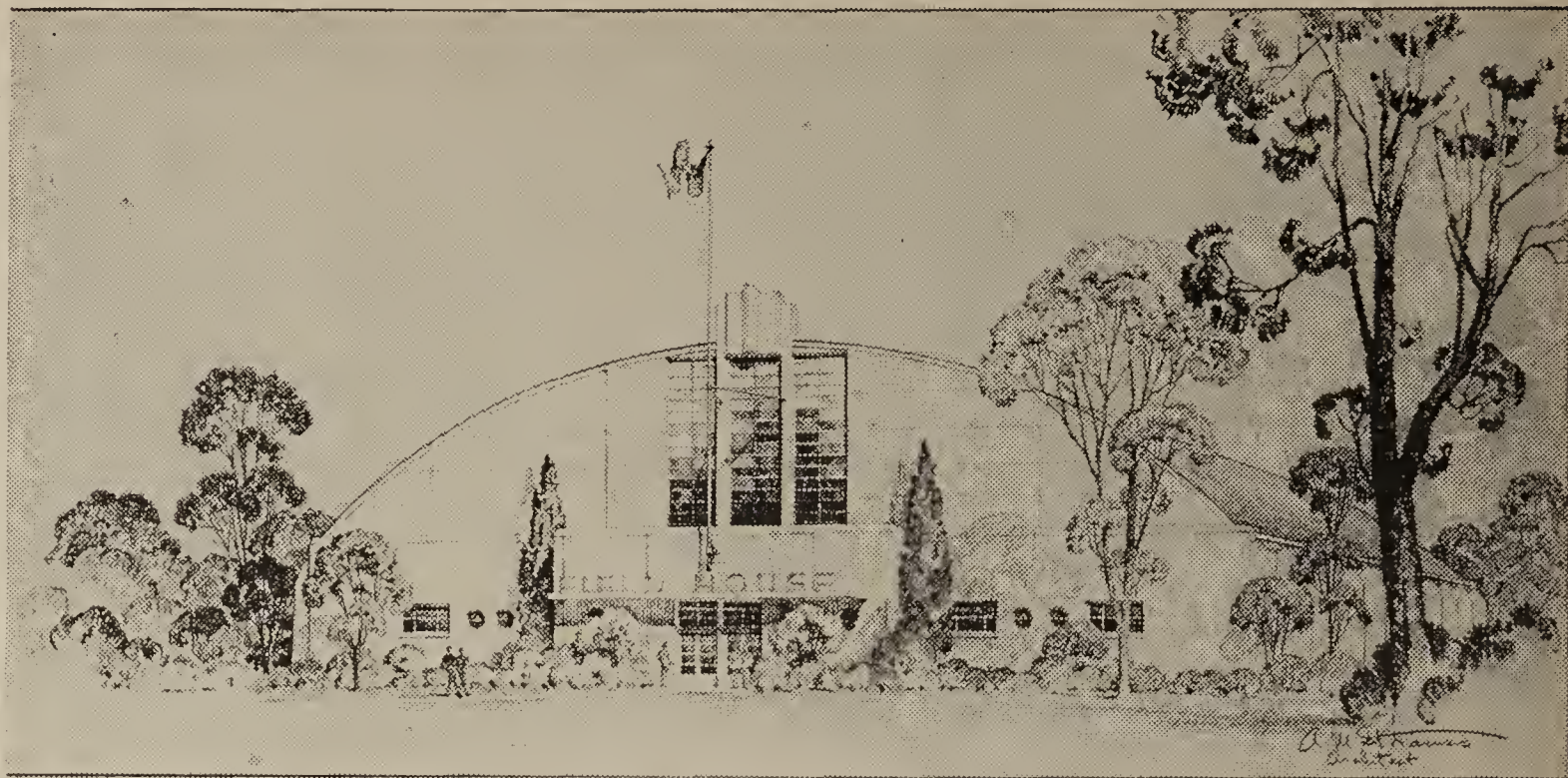
Rev. Sebastian J. Kremer, C.P.P.S., Cleveland; Rev. Joseph Herod, C.P.P.S., '26-'31, Cleveland; Rev. Herman Klocker, '21-'25, Cleveland; Rev. Joseph Lutke-meier, '11-'17, Brunnerdale; Rev. Dr. Ignatius A. Wagner, '98-'04, Brunnerdale.

Present from St. Joe were the Very Rev. Dr. Aloys Dirksen, C.P.P.S., president; the Rev. Clement Falter, Coach Joe Dienhart, and Edward Fischer, '28-'34.

Alumni were guests of the Seminary for noon and evening meals. After the evening meal came a short program of talks. This was followed by brief business meetings to set a date for the forming of a Cleveland chapter and to name a date for a meeting of the Akron Chapter.

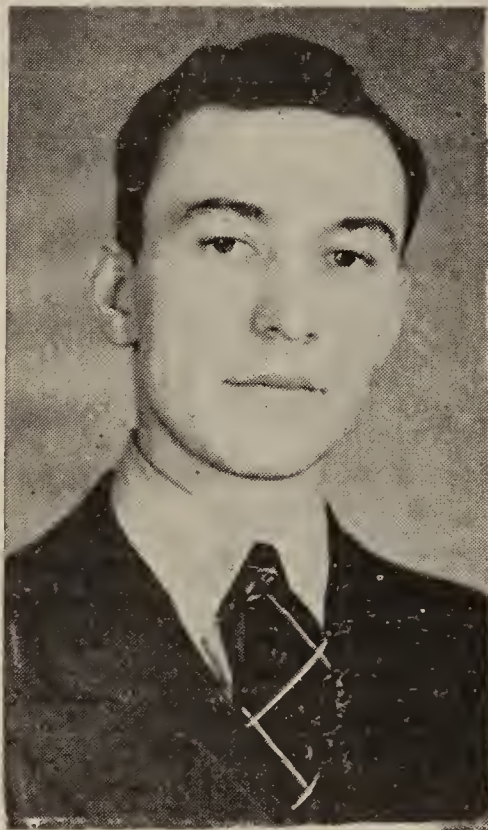
A baseball game, in the afternoon, of Alumni vs. students, broke up in a riot when Father Falter, as umpire, gave the grads the benefit of too many doubts.

LOOK, THIS IS WHAT YOUR MONEY WILL BUY!



HERE IS THE ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF THE FIELDHOUSE that will be built with funds raised by the Alumni. The structure, to be completed by fall, will be 225 feet long and 120 feet wide with a 36-foot ceiling at mid-point. The ceiling will be free from posts, trusses or any other obstruction. A removable basketball floor will rest on a dirt floor. With the basketball floor removed, football, baseball, and track practice can be held in the building during inclement weather.

AWAITS HARNESS



RICHARD SCHARF

The assistant coach at St. Joe, Richard Scharf, '34-'38, soon will be working in double harness. The former star athlete will wed Kay Enright, Saturday, August 3, in Hammond. Dick and Miss Enright were king and queen of the first Monogram Formal ever held at St. Joe. That was in '37.

Paul Schlueter, '14-'16, is chief clerk at E. I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, Milwaukee.

Alumnus Praises Proposed Roof For Fieldhouse

OLFEN, TEX.—The lamella roof, which is to be built on the fieldhouse at St. Joseph's, receives great praise from the Rev. G. A. Boeckman, '16-'22, pastor of St. Boniface. Father Boeckman has had a lamella roof on his parish hall for two years and has found it more than satisfactory.

CHICAGOANS PLAN GOLF TOURNAMENT

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Henry Kosalko and Dick Scharf.

"Every member of the Alumni Association should consider himself invited," said B. B. Lear, '13-'19, secretary of the chapter. "Every alumnus, whether or not he lives in the Cook County area, will be welcome." The secretary of the chapter stressed that any alumnus who intends to be present should mail his check immediately to B. B. Lear, 612 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

Here is a quotation from a folder issued by the club: "Briergate Golf Club was a private club from 1923 to 1937 and is unsurpassed by any club in America. Maintenance is the last word. Its greens are noted for their superb putting surfaces. No cost is spared to keep Briergate in the best playing condition possible."

HITS ON IDEA



ED ERNST

Experiences of Alumni in their chosen fields should be used as aids to the present St. Joe students, reasons Ed Ernst, '10-'13, president of the P. & H. Supply Company, Fort Wayne.

He thinks an Alumni Lecturer Committee should be formed to contact engineers, doctors, lawyers, and businessmen among the Alumni with a view of arranging a schedule of talks for students. Alumnus Ernst, who thinks that no former St. Joe student would mind "turning prof for a day" if requested to, suggests that the speakers' schedule be so arranged that no Alumnus will have to hold class on the campus more than once a year.